

Chippewa Fire District Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 17:30 at Town of Howard Station 6

1. **Meeting called to order by Mr. Spilde** per Chapter 19.84 of the Wisconsin State Statutes at 17:30.
2. **Roll Call:** The following members were present: Mr. Rod Eslinger, Mr. Gary Spilde and Mr. Tom Zwiefelhofer. Mr. Dave Staber called in via telephone.
3. **Approve Minutes:** **Mr. Eslinger made a motion to approve August 18, 2026, and August 31, 2026, Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mr. Zwiefelhofer.** Motion carried on unanimous voice vote.
4. **Public Comments:** No comments.
5. **Old Business:**
 - A. Discuss/Act on the Preliminary 2027 Fire District Budget. No action taken. Tabled until the October meeting.
 - B. Discuss/Act on recommendation to hire an EMS Coordinator for Chippewa County. Mr. Staber stated that this is not going anywhere at this time. No action will be taken.
 - C. Discuss/Act on Selecting a Billing Company for 2027. **Mr. Staber made a motion to approve the Selecting of a Billing Company to KOVO RCM, as of January 1, 2027, seconded by Mr. Zwiefelhofer.** Motion carried on unanimous voice vote.
6. **New Business:**
 - A. Discuss/Act on purchase of new Copier Machine. **Mr. Eslinger made a motion to approve the purchase of new Copier Machine to EO Johnson in the dollar amount of \$4550.00, seconded by Mr. Zwiefelhofer.** Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote. **Mr. Eslinger made a motion to amend the original motion to approve the purchase of new Copier Machine to EO Johnson in the dollar amount of \$4550.00 using carryover funds and/or available funds from other line items, seconded by Mr. Zwiefelhofer.** Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.
 - B. Discuss/Act on updates to SOP 110. **Mr. Zwiefelhofer made a motion to approve updates to SOP 110, seconded by Mr. Eslinger.** Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.
 - C. Discuss/Act on updates to SOP 111. **Mr. Staber made a motion to approve updates to SOP 111, seconded by Mr. Eslinger.** Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.
7. **Approve Checks and Financial Statement:** **Mr. Staber made a motion to approve Checks and Financial Statement, seconded by Mr. Zwiefelhofer.** Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.
8. **Chiefs Report:**
 - A. Chiefs Report. Reports Attached.
9. **Comments from Board Members:** Mr. Staber stated that starting in January 2027, the Chippewa Fire District will invoice the Town of Lafayette quarterly for the internet/telephone bill with Charter Communications. Mr. Zwiefelhofer stated that they would like to look at putting a landing zone area in their parking lot in the Town of Howard. Mr. Spilde stated that the November meeting will be on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, not on Tuesday, November 17, 2026.
10. **Next Meeting: October 20, 2026, at 17:30 – Town of Lafayette**
11. **Adjourn:** **Mr. Eslinger made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Zwiefelhofer.** Motion carried on unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 18:21.

Draft minutes to be approved at the October 20, 2026, meeting.

Minutes Submitted by:

Cathy Zeinert, Administrative Assistant